



SQG News

Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention

SQG Hazardous Waste Disposal Options

Most Small Quantity Generators choose to use professional hazardous waste management companies to transport and dispose of their hazardous waste. The transporter shows up at their door on a regular schedule or as needed. This is the most convenient, but can also be the most expensive, option. If your facility generates small amounts of hazardous waste, there may be options available that will help save you some of the expense of managing that waste. As a Small Quantity Generator of hazardous waste, you have a few options for disposal.

1. The best solution to saving money would be a pollution prevention strategy to eliminate or reduce the amount of chemicals you use. See the article in the Pollution Prevention Corner.
2. You can shop around to get quotes from different haulers. Search the web for hazardous waste transporters in NH and use the NHDES "active transporter" list to make sure the company is registered with the state. The list of transporters is located on the [NHDES website](#): click on the "active transporters" button on the top right.
3. If allowed by your town, you may be able to self-transport up to 55 gallons of hazardous waste to the town's household hazardous waste collection events. You cannot, however, just show up at an event without prior notice. These events, sponsored by towns, are designed to serve residents, not businesses. Even if you are a resident of the town, your business is the generator and is regulated by the state. It is one of the costs of doing business. You must call at least two weeks before the event to get permission from the town, and the transporter will need to be contacted. A manifest will be required and you will be charged for disposal of the hazardous waste, but it will save the cost of having a transporter come to your facility. This can reduce your disposal costs by at least half in most cases. NHDES has created a [fact sheet](#) to help businesses understand what is required for this option.

Here is a list of some of the towns we know of that have successfully worked with businesses to assist with hazardous waste disposal. Always be sure to call ahead to get permission in advance:

[Berlin](#), [Conway](#), [Plymouth](#) (Info from [North Country Council](#)) & [Keene](#)

Fact Sheet:

[SQG Self-Transportation to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events](#)

Pollution Prevention Corner

SOLVENTS

Chemical solvent waste is a major source of hazardous waste generated in the state. Solvents are a necessary part of many processes and there are wide varieties of solvents for different processes. Often people use certain hazardous solvents because "that's what they have always used." Thanks to advances in cleaning technologies, there might just be a less toxic substitution available that will work as well, if not better than the solvent you are now using. There are many resources available to find safer alternatives such as EPA's [Safer Choice](#) or the Toxics Use Reduction Institute's [Cleaner Solutions](#). Often, one of the best resources to find a safer chemical is your solvent vendor. They may be providing you with the solvent "you have always used," but may have safer alternatives available and all you need to do is ask.

4. There are also permanent household hazardous waste collection facilities located in the state that offer more opportunities for hazardous waste disposal for businesses. To utilize this option, you will need to contact the facility at least two weeks in advance of an event to determine if they would accept your waste, prepare a manifest and self-transport the waste to the facility. Here is a list of hazardous waste collection facilities and links to more information about their collection schedules:

- [Lakes Region](#)
- [Nashua](#)

For the lucky businesses and schools located in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region (UVLSR), the UVLSR Planning Commission is offering a special collection event for businesses and schools. Here is more information from Victoria Davis, the event coordinator:

Small Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Options in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region May 11, 2018 – Lebanon, NH



Got hazardous waste? The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is offering a collection day for small businesses and schools to bring their hazardous wastes for disposal. It will be less expensive for participants than hiring a hauler on their own. If the type of chemical waste requires on-site pick-up, this can be arranged for this date. The hauler will be in the area for the event, therefore resulting in reduced costs.

The Commercial/School collection will be held on Friday, May 11, 2018 at the Lebanon Landfill. If your small business or school is interested in using

this collection opportunity to responsibly dispose of your hazardous waste, **you must pre-register by April 1. Final registration is due by April 15.** The registration must include a full list of wastes and the quantity of each waste to obtain a cost estimate and properly manifest the waste for disposal. There is a limit of 25 participants so pre-register soon.

The Commission has provided residential collections since 1993. Although small businesses have been allowed to attend these collections, the Commission is now requiring businesses to come to a separate collection to alleviate traffic and line issues at their residential collections.

Contact Victoria Davis at the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission at (603) 448-1680 or vdavis@uvlsrpc.org. You can also get more information by visiting <http://hhw.uvlsrpc.org/> and clicking on Commercial Collections to the left. This will provide you with general disposal costs by type of material.

Got a question about your waste? Want a list of hazardous waste haulers so you can compare prices? Contact Victoria and she will find the answers for you.

For a full list of towns that offer household hazardous waste collections click here: [HHW Events](#)

Our next newsletter, due out in June, will address: Universal Wastes – What are they and how do you manage them?